


REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Examiner's allowance of claims 8 – 14 is noted with thanks. Claim 5 has been rewritten in independent form and should be allowable. With regards to claims 1 – 4, and 6 – 7, the Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner's interpretation of the phrase "multiplying together" is in error. In a phrase such as "multiplying together a and b," it is absolutely clear that the word "together" does not have the meaning "simultaneously" and instead signifies that a and b are multiplied the one with the other. The same argument applies logically to multiplying together a and b and c.

Nonetheless, in an earnest endeavor to bring this examination to a satisfactory conclusion, the Applicant has introduced a further amendment into the claims to clarify still further this point.

Early allowance of all claims is respectfully requested. The undersigned is available for telephone consultation at anytime during normal business hours.

Respectfully submitted,



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